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WATER RESOURCES
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REHABILITATION OF DISPLACED PERSONS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the displaced persons of Rengali upper kolab and Hirakud dams in Orissa have been rehabilitated so far;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to expdite the rehabilitation process and the progress made thereon so far?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRYOF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (c) Irrigation being a State subject, the responsibility of planning, execution, funding and rehabilitation of displaced families primarily rests with the concerned State Government and project authorities. Necessary provision for resettlement and rehabilitation of project affected families are made from time to time as per the prevalent guidelines/policy/regulations. Project authorities and State Governments take appropriate action to implement the works related to resettlement and rehabilitation.

In order to guide various State Governments and other agencies in the work of resettlement and rehabilitation, the Government of India have brought out a `National Policy on the Resettlement and Rehabilitation for project affected families 2003` in February, 2004.

As per information available in Central Water Commission, collected from the State Government, all displaced persons of Upper Kolab & Hirakud have already been rehabilitated. In case of Upper Kolab 3180 families were displaced. Rehabilitation process started in 1984 & was completed in three phases by August, 1992.

In case of Hirakud Dam, the State Government of Orissa has reported that out of 26501 displaced persons (DPs) in Hirakud Dam, 1965 DPs have been resettled in 16 State Government sponsored resettlement Camps and the remaining 24536 DPs have been resettled by themselves.